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Trade and Development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the importance and continued validity of the Declaration of International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 1/ the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 2/ the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, 3/ the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s 4/ and the various agreements, especially Agenda 21, that were adopted during the process of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

1/ Resolution S-18/3, annex.

2/ Resolution 45/199, annex.

3/ Resolution 46/151, annex, sect. II.

4/ Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September 1990 (A/CONF.147/18).

Recalling its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, as amended, on the establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as an organ of the General Assembly, and its resolution 45/261 of 3 May 1991 in which it decided to convene the eighth session of the Conference at Cartegena de Indias, Colombia, from 8 to 25 February 1992,

Having considered the final documents adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session, held at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, from 8 to 25 February 1992, in particular the Declaration and the document entitled "A New Partnership for Development: The Cartagena Commitment", 5/ and noting with satisfaction the highly successful outcome of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the spirit of genuine cooperation and solidarity - the Spirit of Cartagena - that emerged therefrom,

Expressing its deep gratitude to the Government and the people of Colombia for the hospitality extended to the participants at the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and for the facilities for holding the session,

Noting the importance of follow-up and of keeping under review the implementation of the policies and measures adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session,

Emphasizing that the concerns of the developing countries on trade and development issues, on the current world economic stagnation and on the difficult trends of the development environment deserve the continuous attention of the world community,

Affirming the importance of achieving a sustained recovery of the world economy and the rapid expansion of international trade that is supportive of economic growth and development, in particular that of developing countries,

Recognizing the leading role and responsibility of developed countries in promoting conditions conducive to world economic recovery and the promotion of sustained economic growth and development,

Reaffirming, in this context, the need to give priority to problems facing the least developed countries owing to the fragility of their economies and their particular vulnerability to external shocks and natural calamities,

Urging accordingly developed countries to take fully into account the international implications of their policy decisions, in particular their impact on developing countries,

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5/ TD/364, part one, sect. A.

Reiterating that the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations should result in a substantial and balanced outcome in all areas involved, in particular areas of special importance to developing countries, and expressing deep concern that the current negotiation position of some developed countries does not permit a successful conclusion of such negotiations,

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1. Welcomes the results achieved by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session which are commensurate with the dimension of the problems confronting the world economy as a whole and in particular those of the developing countries;

2. Endorses all commitments adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session and emphasizes the importance of the new partnership for development, initiated by the Conference at its eighth session, for developing common approaches related to the international economic agenda of the 1990s;

3. Expresses its political will and responsibility with respect to ensuring that the agreed commitments embodied in "A New Partnership for Development: The Cartagena Commitment" 5/ are translated into reality;

4. Welcomes the far-reaching institutional reform measures adopted by the Conference and its eighth session regarding the functions, intergovernmental machinery, methods of work and substantive orientations of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and agrees that those measures are a valuable contribution to the process of restructuring the economic and social sectors of the United Nations launched by the General Assembly;

5. Reaffirms the important role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as the principal organ of the General Assembly in the field of trade and development and as the most appropriate forum within the United Nations for the integrated treatment of development and interrelated issues in key areas including trade, finance, investment, services and technology, in the interests of all countries, particularly those of developing countries;

6. Welcomes the comprehensive refocusing of the substantive work of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on four areas, namely, a new partnership for development, global interdependence, paths to development and sustainable development, which should serve as a guide for pursuing the new lines of work, in particular on commodities, poverty alleviation, services development, economic cooperation among developing countries, investment and financial flows, privatization, trading opportunities for developing countries, investment, transfer of technology and trade efficiency;

7. Requests the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to play an important role in the implementation of Agenda 21, and, in this

context, further requests the Conference to work closely and coordinate its activities with the Commission on Sustainable Development;

8. Stresses that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development has an important role to play in facilitating and ensuring the access, in particular that of the developing countries, to scientific and technological information and to the application of environmentally sound technologies that have an impact on the capacity-building efforts and development of the developing countries;

9. Stresses the important contribution that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development can make to sustainable development, inter alia, on trade-related environmental issues and policies, bearing in mind that trade policy measures for environmental purposes should not constitute a means of discrimination, protectionism or a disguised restriction on international trade, as this would affect the export and development efforts of the developing countries;

10. Requests the Trade and Development Board and the subsidiary organs of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to intensify their efforts towards the effective and full implementation of the outcome of the eighth session of the Conference;

11. Invites all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to respond positively to the requests addressed to them in the relevant parts of the commitments of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session;

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12. Takes note of the reports of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-eighth session, 6/ the first part of its thirty-ninth session and its first pre-sessional executive session;

13. Calls upon all States to take appropriate action to implement at the national, regional and international levels the resolutions and decisions as adopted by the Trade and Development Board at the second part of its thirty-eighth session and the first part of its thirty-ninth session;

14. Expresses its satisfaction with the action initiated by the Trade and Development Board for the implementation of the new institutional arrangements, and of the substantive orientations agreed upon by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and welcomes Trade and Development Board decision 398 (XXXVIII) of 7 May 1992 on the follow-up to the recommendations adopted by the Conference at its eighth session; 7/

6/ A/47/15 (Vol. I).

7/ Ibid., chap. II.

15. Takes note of the agreement by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session to suspend the existing Committees of the Trade and Development Board, with the exception of the Special Committee on Preferences and of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices;

16. Endorses the establishment and the terms of reference of the new standing committees on commodities, poverty alleviation, economic cooperation among developing countries, and developing services sectors, and of the new ad hoc working groups on investment and financial flows, trade efficiency, comparative experiences with privatization, expansion of trading opportunities for developing countries, and interrelationship between investment and technology transfer, as well as the convening of executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board aimed at strengthening its policy function;

17. Takes note of the establishment by the Trade and Development Board of an ad hoc working group to explore the issue of structural adjustment for the transition to disarmament;

18. Welcomes the streamlining and strengthening of the intergovernmental machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the improvement of methods of work aimed at providing an enriched substantive and technical basis for policy discussion, negotiation and decisions, as agreed at the eighth session of the Conference;

19. Notes that the priorities assigned by the Trade and Development Board encompass new areas of work, including poverty alleviation, sustainable development, privatization, entrepreneurship, competitiveness and trade efficiency;

20. Endorses the convening of a United Nations international symposium on trade efficiency in 1994 of one week's duration and requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to make all the necessary arrangements for that symposium;

21. Takes note of the valuable contribution made by the Trade and Development Board, underpinned by the Trade and Development Report, 1992, 8/ to the understanding of issues concerning global interdependence and the international implication of macroeconomic policies with particular reference to the recent evolution of development problems and prospects, and welcomes the outcome of the deliberations of the Board on this matter;

22. Also takes note of the recognition on the part of the Trade and Development Board that national transparent mechanisms could be an important instrument in the fight against protectionism, and requests the Board to give attention to developments in this regard and to the provision of relevant

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8/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.92.II.D.7.

technical cooperation by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to interested countries;

III

23. Calls upon the international community to exert every effort to adopt and implement the measures necessary for the revitalization of the development process in the developing countries, in pursuit of the objective of revitalizing international trade, sustained economic growth and development;

24. Urges the developed countries to fulfil their commitments to halt and reverse protectionism and trade distorting measures, including reprehensive trade practices, and to take expeditious and concrete measures conducive, in particular, to promoting greater market access for exports of developing countries;

25. Urges all countries, in particular developed countries, to reach a final agreement on the remaining issues of the Uruguay Round, and reaffirms that the balanced, equitable, meaningful and satisfactory conclusion of the multilateral trade negotiations is crucial, and is needed to fulfil responsibilities in strengthening the rules and disciplines of the international trading system and to significantly enhance the prospects for trade, economic growth and development of all countries, especially developing countries;

26. Invites the Trade and Development Board to continue to follow closely developments and issues in the Uruguay Round that are of particular concern to the developing countries;

27. Also invites the Trade and Development Board to continue to follow closely developments regarding economic integration processes, taking into account that such processes should impart dynamism to global trade and enhance trade and development possibilities, particularly for the developing countries.